GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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ENCROACHMENT AROUND PROTECTED MONUMENTS .
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the area of land encroached upon around the protected monuments in the country, monument-wise;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to stop encroachments around the protected monuments;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to remove the encroachments around protected monuments? MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAYAPAL REDDY)

Answer

(a) The information is being collected from the field offices and would be laid on the table of the House.

(b)to(d) The Central Government has issued a notification in 1992 under the provisions of Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites & Remains Act, 1958 and Rules 1959 and has declared the area upto 100 metres from the protected limit and beyond upto 200 metres near or adjoining protected monuments to be prohibited and regulated areas respectively for purposes of both mining operation and construction. Further, under the provisions of Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971, the Superintending Archaeologists of the circles have been vested with the powers of Estate Officer for initiating action for the removal of encroachment in the protected area of a centrally protected monument. State Governments have been requested to issue suitable instructions to district authorities for strict compliance of the provisions of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act 1958 & Rules 1959.